



MASS MEETING OPPOSES PURCHASE OF AMUNDSEN HOME

Mass Meeting Places Itself on Record as Opposed to the Purchase of the Amundsen Property for \$6,000, by Vote of 32 to 2—Additional Wing Will Probably be Constructed Without Further Parley.

The school auditorium was well filled last Saturday night, with school patrons desiring to express their views upon the question of the advisability of purchasing the Joe Amundsen residence, situated on the south west corner of the school house block, for the price of \$6,000. Ed Hamilton was elected chairman of the meeting. A lively discussion followed during which it became apparent that the majority of those present objected to the purchase of the property at the proposed price.

In favor of the purchase, it was urged that the purchase of the Amundsen property would add much needed playgrounds to the school site, and that the Amundsen building could be easily converted into a useful school building. It was also urged that the price was not exorbitant considering the material put into the building, and that it would probably never be possible to get it for a smaller figure. It was also urged that the purchase of this property would almost inevitably be followed by the removal of the Catholic church to other lots and that would clear the entire block.

Among the arguments made in opposition to the purchase were the following:

1. The price asked is too high (a) because the building could be duplicated for about \$3,500; (b) because the building would require remodeling therein being worth less than the cost of erection as a residence; (c) the building even when remodelled would not be equal to a building built for school purposes in the first place.

2. The additional wing to the present building would be adding to the capacity of the school building, and at the same time would be much better adapted to the purpose and would add more to the efficiency of school work.

It was further urged that the mass meeting held the week before had favored the erection of another wing to complete the present building and that no sufficient reason had been introduced that would justify other action.

When the question was put to a vote two voted in favor of the purchase of the Amundsen property and 32 against it.

After a short general discussion, the meeting adjourned.

Mr. Ed. Kirwan and family returned Thursday evening from El Paso. They were forced to make their stay in El Paso much shorter than planned due to Mrs. Kirwan's ill health while there.

Efficiency Conference. Methodist Church, May 18 to 19—Bishop Leonard, D. D., L. L. D. Presiding.

WILLIAMS BOOSTERS READ THIS!

Monday night five automobiles camped on the ridge two miles west of town, near Camp Clover. They spent the following day sightseeing and enjoying our beautiful scenery. They visited Bill Williams, Elephant Park and the Three Sisters.

The tourists were Californians and could not understand why Williams could not become a popular summer resort, surrounded as it is by such beautiful scenery and so many points of interest.

ARRANGED FOR FURTHER ENLISTMENT

Capt. La Baron of the Arizona 1st, while in Williams last Tuesday recruiting volunteers, made arrangements for the enlistment of others after his departure. He left enlistment blanks with L. W. Rollins, Capt. of the Home Guards, so that anyone desiring to enlist now may do so by applying to Mr. Rollins for one of the blanks. Transportation will be promptly provided for anyone desiring to join the Arizona regiment.

WILL GIVE PROGRAM

The American Primary will give a program Friday, May 4, at which all parents and friends of the school are urged to be present. The proceeds of the program will go to the Red Cross Society. A fuller announcement will appear next week.

National Guard Recruiting Service

Military service is public duty that every citizen owes to his State and country. In this connection it is high time to draw attention to the fact that there is plenty of room for Arizonians in Arizona's own regiment, and there will be plenty of service there. The regular forces will not be able to offer anything in the way of war experience that will not be enjoyed by the First Arizona Infantry. Those that desire to serve their country can easily find out about this by communicating with the nearest National Guard recruiting Station.

Catholic Ladies' Annual Dance

The Ladies of the Catholic Church will give their annual dance Friday night, April 27. A large crowd is expected and a good time is anticipated. Refreshments will be served. The music will be supplied by the Barnes Orchestra.

Henry Clark Smith to Preach

The Rev. Henry Clark Smith, of Jerome, will preach in the Episcopal Church next Sunday morning, April 29, at eleven o'clock. Mr. Smith was the first rector of the Episcopal church in Williams, and widely and favorably known in this vicinity and his many friends will be glad of the opportunity to hear him again.

Mr. Smith will visit in Williams the latter part of the week, remaining over Sunday to preach. Monday morning he will depart with Mrs. Smith for Prescott, to attend the annual Convocation of the Episcopal Church in Arizona, which meets there May 1st to 3rd.

REPORT OF REBECCA GRAND ASSEMBLY

Williams Delegates Report Pleasant Journey and Delightful Time in Safford—12 Acre Lot Received for I. O. O. F. and Rebecca Home

The representatives to the Rebecca Assembly, left Williams on No. 1, Saturday, April 14th. After a very tiresome journey, and some four changes to Safford, we arrived Sunday evening between six and seven o'clock. We were escorted to Hotel Olive, where we were assigned rooms.

We then started out to look the town over and get something to eat. The streets of the town are lined with cottonwood trees, which seem to be shedding cotton all the time. The Town of Safford has excellent water for all purposes. It is piped from the mountains. Mt. Graham looms up to one's gaze here as the San Francisco peaks do to us in Coconino County. Mt. Graham is the second highest in Arizona. We were convinced to feel that we live near the highest.

We greatly enjoyed the extent of alfalfa fields thru which we passed. Upon inquiry, we found it to be irrigated country. As the season here was a month behind, on account of the prevailing cold, it was very comfortable to us all the time.

The Grand Lodge was in session. The session opened on Monday the sixteenth, on the evening of which day the Safford Lodge had prepared a reception and dance at Layton's Hall. As this is a Mormon district, it is a much larger hall than any we have in Williams.

The Lodge at Safford had arranged that on Thursday, as soon as the work of the Grand Lodge was finished, which would be at three o'clock, there would be autos to take everyone out to the Indian Hot Springs, 25 miles from Safford. We certainly enjoyed this trip and it was a surprise to us to see this hot water issuing from the ground. Some drank of the water, some swam in it. We were treated to an abundance of refreshments here.

We reached town about 8 o'clock. Upon returning, a number from Prescott called to us, calling us "Williams", and said they had received a letter from Prescott telling them that they had had a snowfall of two inches there. We replied that Williams probably went there better by several inches, possibly from two to three feet.

The Grand Lodge adjourned on Wednesday afternoon. On Wednesday evening again provided for a big dance and social reception at Bier's Hall, or better known as Armory Hall. This hall was equally as large as the other mentioned above.

This closed the three days session. During the session a 12 acre piece of land with an eight room house upon it, was offered to the Odd Fellows and Rebeccas of Arizona, free of all incumbrances, if they would establish their home there. It was accepted by both bodies. The ground is now mostly in alfalfa.

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The little Goss girl is reported to be severely ill with pneumonia.

WILLIAMS BOYS RESPOND TO THEIR COUNTRY'S CALL

Up to April 26th, seven Williams boys had answered their country's call for volunteers, and a number more are expected to do so during the next week.

The first two recruits from Williams were Walter Finney and Campbell Wolfe, who entered the navy last week. They are now drilling at San Francisco.

This week Harry Wilson, of the Williams State Bank and Messrs. Burt Phillips, Camel and Swanson volunteered for the Arizona First Infantry.

Mr. Wilson will prove a particularly valuable recruit at this time due to the fact that he has had two years previous military training. He will be missed from the Home Guards where he has served as drill Sergeant. Mr. Root, also of the Williams State Bank, expects to enlist as soon as his position at the bank can be filled, and he, too, will join the Arizona First.

Walter Carlson and F. S. Hammond expect to volunteer for service in the Aviation Corps. They expect to leave within the next week.

Among the many others who are reported to be contemplating enlistment in the Arizona First are: Henry Johnson, "Fanny" Wolfe, Chas. and Jimmy Matz, Ralph McLean, John Klock.

Estimating the population of Williams at 1,500 and taking 260,000 as the total population of Arizona, from ten to twelve recruits from Williams will be needed to supply the town's full quota to the First Arizona Regiment. Half of this number have already responded and the remainder undoubtedly will within the next week.

TEACHERS FOR 1917

The trustees of the Williams school have definitely engaged the teachers for the next school term. A list of the teachers and the positions they will hold appear below:

Principal, J. H. Burnett, of Yocum, Texas.

Asst. Prin., Georgia Alcorn.

Other High School instructors, Mr. Weaver, Misses Bull and Bush.

Mexican Primary and Mexican Second grade, the two Misses Kent.

Mexican Primary B, Miss Doxstater.

American Primary, Miss Barclay.

Second grade, (Mixed) Mrs. Barclay.

Third grade, Miss Armstrong.

Fourth grade, Miss Keating.

Fifth grade, Miss Clifford.

Sixth grade, Miss McKelvey.

Musical Instructor, Miss Peet.

Janitor, Geo. Barnes.

The employment of Mr. Burnett is conditional upon his being able to show satisfactory certificate of health.

Over in Europe to be called a slacker, when the country demanded military service, was the worst epithet that could be hurled at the human male.

PROCLAMATION IN BEHALF OF THE ARIZONA COUNCIL OF DEFENSE

DISARM GERMANS ONLY

Question as to Whether Mexican Aliens are Included in Order for Disarmament Set by U. S. Atty. General.

Considerable discussion and some little excitement has risen out of the question as to whether the Mexicans are included among the "alien enemies" whose disarmament is ordered by President Wilson's proclamation. Some have maintained that the Mexicans were of course included and accordingly would be disarmed at once. Others have insisted that the term "Alien enemy" could apply only to citizens of countries now at war with the United States, and Mexico being at peace with Uncle Sam, no Mexicans could be included in that order. The latter was the opinion of Town Attorney Gold, but the Marshall leaned to the first view and to have the matter definitely settled, the Town Council instructed attorney Gold to telegraph Governor Campbell for his opinion. Gov. Campbell telegraphed to U. S. Attorney Gregory who sent his reply directly to the Town attorney. The question is now definitely settled and there is no longer room for differences of opinion upon the subject. The text of Mr. Gold's telegram to Governor Campbell, the Governor's reply and the reply of Attorney General Gregory appear below.

Williams, Arizona, April 24 '17
Governor Thomas Campbell,
Phoenix.

Under recent proclamation issued, the Town Council desires to know if your Excellency construes alien enemy to mean all persons who are not naturalized or who have not declared their intention, if under your construction, should the Council authorize the officers to disarm all aliens. You know our population. Wire.

F. M. Gold

Phoenix, Ariz., Apr. 25th 1917
F. M. Gold,
Williams, Ariz.

Wired Attorney General Gregory, Washington, to define term alien enemy by telegraph direct to you, to save time.

Thomas P. Campbell, Gov.

Washington, D. C. April 25 '17
F. M. Gold, Williams, Ariz.

Term alien enemy under president's proclamation included all male Germans who are not naturalized American citizens and who are over fourteen years of age. It therefore includes persons who have declared their first intentions. United States marshalls have received instructions as to possession of arms by alien enemies.

Gregory

Another Modern Bungalow

Baumann-Hinds are to begin within the next few weeks, the construction of another modern bungalow in Block 19, next to the Steffins residence. Mr. Cad-dock new foreman at the box factory will occupy the building when completed.

Clyde Polson left Sunday for Phoenix, on business.

Executive Department, State of Arizona

WHEREAS, recognizing the serious situation confronting the State of Arizona and the United States, by reason of the present war with Germany; I, Thomas E. Campbell, Governor of Arizona, by virtue of authority in me vested, and in view of necessity of protecting life and property within the State of Arizona and conserving her resources or range, farm and industry, did on April 18th, 1917, appoint and call together representatives of all activities of the State, for organization into the Arizona Council of Defense; and

WHEREAS, said Council, properly organized and constituted has issued to the people of Arizona, the following message:

"The Capitol, Phoenix, Arizona, April 19, 1917.

"The Arizona Council of Defense, in session assembled, calls upon every individual in Arizona to stand shoulder to shoulder in united determination successfully to meet the critical conditions now threatening our State and Nation.

"The urgent need today is CONSERVATION. Let all co-operate in prudent economy in the home, in our social life and general activities.

"Our food supply demands special consideration. All waste in the preparation and use of food must be eliminated. Wherever possible, perishable foods should be used in preference to staple products and canned goods. The livestock industry must be conserved. We urge the various associations representing this industry to co-operate to this end.

"We recommend that our merchants, wholesalers, jobbers and retailers, take such action as will prevent all unwarranted or arbitrary increase in prices of food commodities. Individual hoarding and accumulating of food is pernicious. Such a practice is not only of great injury to the majority of our citizens who are compelled from necessity to buy supplies from day to day, but, in the end reacts on those who indulge in that form of selfishness. We call upon every individual to discourage this practice, not only by precept, but by his own manly example.

"The planting season for summer crops is now upon us. Every effort must be made to bring all available land under cultivation. Waste places must be made to bear subsistence. Each member of the Council pledges himself to plant, or cause to be planted, a plot of ground not hitherto under cultivation. Our seed supply must be guarded, and the best available seed planted. Conditions are such that high prices are likely to prevail for sometime to come, and our best effort to minimize this condition must be put forth vigorously.

"Other resources in this State are very essential to the welfare of our country. Not only must all forms of agriculture be promoted, but war conditions today demand that the or-

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